



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1066

LR 564(01)

An Act To Promote Life with Dignity

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Parker of South Berwick

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill enacts a process for patient-directed care at the end of life for Maine residents who are adults who are terminally ill and who have been determined to have a limited life expectancy. Specific to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the bill requires rulemaking to provide for safe disposal of medications that are prescribed for end-of-life care and that are not used by the patient and requires physicians to promptly notify DHHS regarding compliance with the requirements of this bill. Currently, DHHS does not license or monitor physicians for compliance of regulations, so there would be a cost to implement this function. No estimate is made at this time on whether DHHS can take on this function without additional staffing or technological changes. OFPR will work with DHHS to estimate any costs.